

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An optically anisotropic sheet comprises an optically  
anisotropic layer, an orientation layer and a transparent  
support in this order. The optically anisotropic layer is  
formed from discotic liquid crystal molecules. The orien-  
tation layer is subjected to rubbing treatment. The dis-  
cotic liquid crystal molecules are aligned with the orien-  
tation layer. An average inclined angle of discotic planes  
10 of the discotic liquid crystal molecules is in the range of  
50° to 90°. An average direction of optical axes of the  
discotic liquid crystal molecules is essentially parallel  
to a rubbing direction of the orientation layer.